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## Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: Elevated, Cyber: Elevated**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *September 03, Pacific Daily News (Guam)* — Air Force substation trips Guam Power Authority line. A problem with the power substation at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam caused the Guam Power Authority (GPA) circuits in the area to trip off on Monday, **September 1**, GPA spokesperson Art Perez said. Perez said the agency was fortunate that its system was not damaged by the power outage. Power was out in the area for more than five

hours. The cause of the substation's problem is not known.

Source: <http://www.guampdn.com/news/stories/20030903/localnews/177112.html>

2. *September 02, New York Times* — **Experts point to strains on electric grid's specialists.** While much of the focus since the power blackout of August 14 has been on fixing the electric grid system, little attention is paid to the human side of the system, which can be as overloaded and vulnerable to breakdowns. The workers, called system operators, say they take pride in keeping the power flowing on an inadequate system. Their reflexes resemble those of "a good combat pilot managing an aircraft that has been badly damaged," said Dr. S. Massoud Amin, an electrical and computer engineer at the University of Minnesota. **Some system operators say the changes in the behavior of power in the grid, particularly those brought by the enormous rise of wholesale commerce among regions, are outpacing the skills of even the best operators.** System operators work to balance electricity flowing from power plants into the grid against that pulled out by homes and businesses.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/09/02/national/02POWE.html>

3. *September 02, The Toledo Blade* — **Nuclear waste may go through Ohio sooner than expected.** A consortium of utilities is hoping to receive approval from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) safety and atomic licensing board for a contractor-designed cask that holds spent nuclear fuel. **If the board approves the cask and the full NRC approves the license, nuclear waste could be shipped to a Native American reservation in Utah as early as 2006.** The consortium has an agreement with the Skull Valley Band of Goshute Indians for a 20-year lease with an option for a 20-year extension. The U.S. Department of Energy isn't expected to have its nuclear waste burial site, Nevada's Yucca Mountain, developed until 2010, and quite possibly later, given numerous setbacks over the years. The consortium was formed because of concerns that the waste-disposal debate could persist.

Source: <http://www.toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20030902/NEWS08/109020062>

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## **Chemical Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

4. *September 02, PostNewsweek Tech Media* — **DoD reveals biometrics plan.** By 2010, the Defense Department (DoD) will use biometrics in its classified and unclassified systems to improve physical and cyber security. DoD might require that military, civilian and contractor personnel provide biometric identifiers, such fingerprints and iris scans, to enter buildings or gain access to data. "The technologies have the potential to provide deep and multilayered protection, especially in combination with traditional security tools and methods like firewalls, smart cards and public-key infrastructure," said Linda Dean, director of the Biometrics Management Office (BMO). **The August 25 memo, signed by deputy secretary of Defense**

Paul Wolfowitz, urges BMO to develop a scalable biometrics component of the Global Information Grid, the department's worldwide information infrastructure. It also called for development of standards, interoperability tools, testing frameworks, and product validations to help Defense agencies use biometric technology.

Source: [http://www.washingtontechnology.com/news/1\\_1/daily\\_news/2160\\_1-1.html](http://www.washingtontechnology.com/news/1_1/daily_news/2160_1-1.html)

5. *September 01, The Knoxville News Sentinel* — Nuclear weapon plant gearing up for production. The Y-12 nuclear weapon plant in Oak Ridge, TN, will soon be producing replacement parts for W76 warheads, which are deployed on Trident missile systems. Y-12 and other plants in the U.S. nuclear-weapon complex are responsible for evaluating the condition of warheads in the stockpile and remanufacturing parts as needed to guarantee the quality of deployed systems. The Oak Ridge plant specializes in the second stage of nuclear warheads, so-called secondaries, which contain parts manufactured from highly enriched uranium and other materials. Dennis Ruddy, Y-12's general manager, said initial work on W76 parts is at least a year away, and first delivery of parts isn't scheduled until 2007. The plant is developing processes and reactivating systems used previously when the warheads were in production in the 1980s. There are hundreds of W76 warheads currently deployed, but many of those could be removed from the active stockpile as part of arms-reduction agreements.

Source: [http://www.knoxnews.com/kns/national/article/0.1406.KNS\\_350\\_2225758.00.html](http://www.knoxnews.com/kns/national/article/0.1406.KNS_350_2225758.00.html)

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

6. *September 02, Reuters* — Online sellers, security companies target web ID theft. Internet retailers and security companies have formed a group to battle online identity theft, the Information Technology Association of America (ITAA) said on Tuesday, September 02, 2003. The group, called the Coalition on Online Identity Theft, will focus on four main goals: expanding public education campaigns; promoting technology and tips for preventing and dealing with online theft; documenting and sharing nonpersonal information about emerging online fraudulent activity to prevent future scams; and working with the government to ensure effective enforcement of criminal penalties against cyber thieves. During 2002, just over 75,000 complaints were posted on the Internet Fraud Complaint Center (IFCC) website. The IFCC, a partnership between the FBI and the National White Collar Crime Center, said it referred more than 48,000 of those complaints of fraud and that the total dollar loss from those cases was \$54 million, up from \$17 million in 2001.

Source: [http://abcnews.go.com/wire/US/reuters20030902\\_384.html](http://abcnews.go.com/wire/US/reuters20030902_384.html)

7. *September 01, Sydney Morning Herald (Australia)* — New Zealand police warn public over new banking scam. The latest scam targeting banks in Australia and New Zealand is web-based, involving a site run out of Denmark. The site, operating from the address [www.devancy.com](http://www.devancy.com), falsely claimed to be business partners with leading banks, and worked by convincing people to accept deposits into their bank accounts which they then forwarded to a third party minus a generous transaction fee, which the account holder was able to keep. However, once the transactions were completed the fraudsters cancelled the initial deposit, leaving the account holder several thousand dollars out of pocket. According to police computer crime manager Maarten Kleintjes, "the key to this scam is

building a very convincing website that looks just like a real financial services website."

Source: <http://www.smh.com.au/articles/2003/09/01/1062268509906.html>

8. *September 01, silicon.com* — **New Citibank e-mail scam spreads.** Citibank is again the target of an e-mail scam, this one involving an e-mail that links people to a fake banking website to steal their personal and financial details. **The grammatically incorrect e-mail states that the person has received a payment of \$217 via Citibank's online wire service, c2it.com, however, they must register for the service in order to collect the money. The person is required to enter various personal information, including credit card numbers, PIN numbers, and bank account details into the fake website.** A spokesperson for Citigroup said the company is working with law enforcement officials to investigate the e-mail fraud and have the fake website shut down, and warned customers not to be fooled into giving out their account details.

Source: <http://www.silicon.com/news/500013/1/5814.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

9. *September 02, KUSA-TV (Denver)* — **TSA promises to fund most of Denver's airport baggage screening system.** The Transportation Safety Administration (TSA) has given Denver International Airport (DIA) a promise to pay 75 percent of a new bag screening system. **The new system will speed up the way baggage is screened at the airport. The overall cost for the project is \$95 million to install the bag system infrastructure in the terminal at DIA. It will increase safety and security and check all bags. Currently, TSA officers select random bags to check.** "We are extremely gratified that the TSA has agreed to help us provide the most up-to-date bag-screening technology for our customers," Vicki Braunagel, co-manager of aviation at DEN, said Tuesday. "Our congressional delegation has been very helpful in pushing this issue in Washington, and we thank them for their support." **The money will cover design, engineering, fabrication, installation, modification and construction of the baggage system. The cost does not cover the explosive-detection machines, which cost about \$1 million each.** The system will allow the TSA to install and operate the detection machines to screen luggage after it has been checked.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/storyfull-newsroom.asp?id=18238>

10. *September 02, Environmental News Network* — **For U.S. travelers, high-speed rail is still elusive. U.S. airport security tangles, a fact of life in the nearly two years since the September 11, 2001, hijack attacks, have not jump-started the development of high-speed U.S. rail networks to replace many short city-to-city flights. Money is a big reason, but cultural and structural issues are also major barriers, experts say.** The benefits that some East Coast business travelers enjoy with upgraded service in that rail corridor — the recent problems with Amtrak's high-speed Acela notwithstanding — could be replicated in several regions of the country, studies have long promised. On the surface, it sounds good: downtown San Francisco to downtown Los Angeles in 2.5 hours; Chicago to Detroit or St. Louis in four hours or less; miles of Florida or Texas countryside flying by while the business traveler taps away on a laptop. **Many air trips distended by security checks and bad weather could actually be completed faster on the ground. It's nothing that a few billion**

dollars can't accomplish. "The problem is we can't seem to figure out how to make money operating passenger trains in America, even in the high-density Northeast Corridor," said Robert Gallamore, director of Northwestern University's Transportation Center. Source: [http://www.enn.com/news/2003-09-02/s\\_7931.asp](http://www.enn.com/news/2003-09-02/s_7931.asp)

11. *August 27, Herald Sun (Australia)* — **Qantas points scam found.** Ex-Qantas employee Ferri Sutan Malik thought he had the perfect scam, but now he faces prison. **For more than two years, he used his knowledge of the airline's computer system to steal almost 11 million frequent-flyer points and redeem them for \$450,000 worth of flights.** The 31-year-old quality assurance reviewer would search the Qantas booking system for flights from Hong Kong and Taipei – areas with low frequent-flyer membership – and find passengers without a nominated account. Malik would then contact Qantas pretending to be the passenger and ask for the points to be credited to one of several fraudulent accounts held in false names. **Between 1999 and 2001, Malik redeemed about 230 reward flights – including overseas and business-class trips. Malik and his friends and family used many of the flights, while others were sold for a profit.** Malik, of Kingsgrove, southwest Sydney, pleaded guilty before magistrate Daniel Reiss in Downing Centre Local Court yesterday to 24 of 28 charges of obtaining benefit by deception.

Source: [http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story\\_page/0,5478,7081024%255E421.00.html](http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,7081024%255E421.00.html)

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## Postal and Shipping Sector

12. *September 02, CNN* — **Postal Service trimming hours.** The U.S. Postal Service has started reducing the hours at some of its lesser-used post offices as it faces dwindling first-class mail deliveries. About half of the post offices in Maine have already scaled back their hours during the past several months. The Postal Service is implementing similar moves in Vermont and upstate New York, and is considering a series of national cutbacks. **The Postal Service says it hasn't set a target for the number of hours it will trim nationwide, but it is looking to cut hours when few customers are in its offices.** The cutbacks are the latest in a series of moves under Postmaster General John Porter since he took the job in mid-2001. Since then, the service has trimmed 47,000 full-time jobs, or 6 percent of its work force, through attrition. **In addition, the Postal Service has recently closed, or will close, 566 post offices across the country where service has already been suspended.**

Source: <http://money.cnn.com/2003/09/02/news/companies/usps/>

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## Agriculture Sector

13. *September 02, OsterDowJones Commodity News* — **Argentina testing to confirm possible FMD problem.** Argentina is conducting tests on pigs in the northern province of Salta to confirm or otherwise rule out a suspected outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease (FMD), according to the country's food and animal inspection agency, Senasa. Senasa said on



**August 29 that it had investigated a slaughterhouse in Salta, near the border with Bolivia, where it found pigs possessing symptoms compatible with foot-and-mouth disease.** The slaughter house was immediately closed as were two others located within 30 kilometers of the suspected outbreak. In addition, all cloven-hoofed animals within 10 kilometers of the area were given additional vaccines to obviate any related sanitary problems before they occur. Senasa also has prohibited animals from the area from being moved elsewhere while the tests are being conducted. Control points also have been set up in Salta and around the Bolivian border to prevent people or vehicles from coming near the area of the suspected outbreak. **On July 7, The World Organization for Animal Health, or OIE, formally declared Argentina free of foot-and-mouth disease with vaccination.**

Source: [http://www.cropdecisions.com/show\\_story.php?id=21064](http://www.cropdecisions.com/show_story.php?id=21064)

14. *September 02, Cleveland Plain Dealer* — **Asian beetle threatens ash trees. The emerald ash borer, native to Asia, was found earlier this year in Lucas County, Ohio. The state cut and incinerated thousands of ash trees in an attempt to contain the insect. But now the Ohio Department of Agriculture is surveying trees around infested areas in Defiance County.** Infestations were found there in early August. The emerald ash borer is a beetle that ravishes the ash trees it infects by inhibiting food throughout the tree. **"In essence, it's a death sentence for ash trees," said Ohio Agriculture Director Fred Dailey.** The insect was discovered last year in Michigan and in Ontario, Canada. No one knows how the Asian beetle reached the Great Lakes, although scientists speculate it was in packing crates and wooden pallets aboard ships delivering goods from overseas. **Michigan has tried to contain it, but its quarantine area has grown to include 13 counties. Six million trees are either dead or dying in the state, said Sara Linsmeier-Wurfel, of Michigan's Department of Agriculture.** Michigan estimates that eradicating the pest will take 12 years and cost \$350 million to \$370 million. The insect has the potential to dramatically alter Ohio's forests, said Dailey. A state forest survey estimated there are 3.8 billion ash trees in Ohio.

Source: <http://www.cleveland.com/news/plaindealer/index.ssf?/base/cuyahoga/106249515042340.xml>

15. *September 02, OsterDowJones Commodity News* — **Importing Canadian cattle. It will take at least several months for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to open up the U.S. border to live Canadian cattle, said USDA Undersecretary Bill Hawks. "We're starting the rule-making process and we've got to allow for an adequate (public) comment period and analyze all the comments and make decisions," Hawks said.** USDA has begun issuing permits for Canadian exporters to ship boneless beef derived from cattle that are under 30 month of age, but the ban on live cattle remains. Hawks, head of USDA's marketing and regulatory programs, said, "Under a normal rule-making process, I would say that it will take some several months to address that." **Earlier this week Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman said that, at first, only cattle under 30 months old will be allowed in.** "We are taking this in a two-track process," she said. "One for lower-risk animals under 30 months. And the older animals will be a longer regulatory process ... We know these animals under 30 months old are at very low risk."

Source: [http://www.cropdecisions.com/show\\_story.php?id=21067](http://www.cropdecisions.com/show_story.php?id=21067)

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## Food Sector

16. *August 31, Statesman Journal* — **Slow response to recalls keeps contaminated products on the shelf. Public health officials figure that for every case of foodborne illness they hear about, another 10 to 20 people get sick.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 76 million Americans contract foodborne illnesses each year. About 325,000 people annually are hospitalized, and 5,000 die. Hundreds of "Class I" recalls, defined by regulators as recalls of foods that pose a serious health hazard, occur every year in the U.S. It's a voluntary process in which food companies respond to requests by regulators. **The voluntary recall system doesn't set a deadline for getting recalled foods taken out of circulation.** A 48-hour turnaround time for removing potentially dangerous products from store shelves is considered acceptable. **Once food leaves the warehouse and resold to secondary suppliers, it becomes harder to track and recall.** Each distributor must take the initiative to reach every customer large and small. **Small food companies are often unprepared to handle recall logistics, slowing their response to a public health emergency.** Food safety experts admit that they can only do so much to protect the public. By the time health officials detect an outbreak of foodborne illness, it's often over.

Source: <http://news.statesmanjournal.com/article.cfm?i=66992>

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## Water Sector

Nothing to report.

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## Public Health Sector

17. *September 02, Scientific American* — **New anthrax vaccine protects on two fronts.** Antibiotics can kill the anthrax bacterium, but the toxin it secretes may already be present at lethal levels within the body when this treatment is administered. **The current vaccine only targets one of the three parts of the toxin released by Bacillus anthracis. A new approach provides a more effective defense against the disease in mice.** B. anthracis not only secretes toxins that irreversibly damage immune system cells but also coats itself with molecules known as poly-gamma-D-glutamic acid (PGA) to form a protective capsule and avoid detection as it spreads. Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital used Bacillus licheniformis, a harmless bacterium that has a similar shielding capsule as anthrax, to purify PGA for use in the novel vaccine. In addition, the vaccine contained protective antigen (PA), one of anthrax's three toxins that is the basis of the existing vaccine. **The researchers tested the new treatment on mice by injecting the animals with the new vaccine three times over the course of four weeks. At the end of this period, the researchers found increased levels of antibodies for both PGA and PA in the animals. In addition, treated mice survived exposure to anthrax that killed control animals within 24 hours.**

Source: <http://www.sciam.com/article.cfm?chanID=sa003&articleID=00033D53-8597-1F4F-8D6E80A84189EEDF>

18. *September 02, Reuters* — **Norwalk virus hits cruise ship. A cruise ship cut short its North Atlantic voyage on Tuesday after 340 passengers and crew were sickened by the Norwalk virus, the disease that battered the cruise industry last year.** Cruise line officials said only two passengers on board the Regal Princess remained sickened by the gastrointestinal illness and were expected to fly home on Wednesday. **Sanitation staff will scrub down the ship for two days, said Princess cruise line spokeswoman Julie Benson. She said crews had been sanitizing the ship since the third day of the voyage, when an increase in illnesses was noted.** Another cruise line official said on arrival in New York that 296 of the 1,538 passengers had been sickened and 44 crew members out of 639 also became ill during the voyage. He said the cruise was shortened by a day and was originally supposed to end in New York. Last autumn and winter there were several highly publicized outbreaks of Norwalk and other similar viruses aboard cruise ships. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta said the outbreak of the virus on board the Regal Princess was confirmed while the vessel was in Britain.

Source: <http://reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=businessNews&storyID=3374277>

19. *September 02, Reuters* — **Antibiotic use drops. There appears to have been a significant drop in the number of antibiotics prescribed for American children in recent years, U.S. researchers reported on Tuesday.** The development is good news for those who have been campaigning for reduced antibiotic use to combat the development of disease-resistant forms of common bacteria, the report added. "Antibiotic prescribing decreased significantly between 1996 and 2000, concurrent with decreased frequency of diagnosis of potential bacterial infections, especially otitis media (middle ear infections)," said the study from Harvard Medical School and other institutions. "Attention by public health and professional organizations and the news media to antibiotic resistance may have contributed to changes in diagnostic thresholds, resulting in more judicious prescribing." The researchers said they based their conclusion on a look at medical claims involving more than 200,000 children aged three months to 18 years covered by nine medical plans. **The reduction in antibiotic prescriptions for children from three months to three years varied among health plans and age groups from 6 percent to as much as 39 percent, the report said. There were also general declines in the older age groups.**

Source: <http://reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=healthNews&storyID=3369878>

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## **Government Sector**

20. *September 02, Washington Technology* — **Secretary Ridge unveils Homeland Security consolidation, reorganization efforts.** Secretary of Homeland Security Tom Ridge announced today plans to reorganize staff and consolidate resources of the Homeland Security Department to boost security in four areas. **The Homeland Security Department will immediately begin initiatives to enhance commercial aviation and border security, improve the homeland security grant process and improve secure communications with state government, Ridge said in a speech given at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington.** Specifically, the department will make available 5,000 additional federal air marshals, combine three different border inspection functions, consolidate terrorism grant and training programs within one office and provide secure video and telephone communications to all states, territories and the District of Columbia, Ridge said. **To increase coordination and information sharing between**



federal air marshals and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers, Ridge said the Federal Air Marshall Services and Explosives Unit from the Transportation Security Administration will transfer to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement unit. Ridge also said the U.S. Customs and Border Protection unit will cross-train inspectors to handle previously separate inspections related to immigration status, customs inspection and agriculture inspection. Speech: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/>  
Source: [http://www.washingtontechnology.com/news/1\\_1/daily\\_news/2160\\_2-1.html](http://www.washingtontechnology.com/news/1_1/daily_news/2160_2-1.html)

21. *September 02, Rocky Mountain News* — **Immigration strategy shifts. Immigration agents have virtually stopped punishing employers of illegal workers. Instead, they are arresting immigrants coming out of jails, packed into smugglers' vans or working at potential terrorist targets.** There is no reliable count of illegal immigrants in the United States, but federal government estimates put their number at seven million. Employers are required to verify work eligibility by inspecting identification documents, although they don't have responsibility to spot forgeries. **"All you need are fake documents," said Oscar, 27, undocumented construction worker, who's been working in the United States for seven years. Social Security cards and residency cards can be bought for a couple of hundred dollars, he said. "Some employers don't even ask for your papers," Oscar said. "They just take the Social Security numbers you give them, without anything else." Immigration officials point out they have a limited number of agents and they are best used where they can have the most impact – on public safety and national security.**

Source: [http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/state/article/0.1299.D\\_RMN\\_21\\_2226484.00.html](http://www.rockymountainnews.com/drmn/state/article/0.1299.D_RMN_21_2226484.00.html)

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## **Emergency Services Sector**

22. *September 01, WLOX (Biloxi, MS)* — **Train derailment prompts hazardous material response.** A train derailment in North Gulfport, MS, caused a few tense moments Monday. **Two chemical tanker cars left the tracks, with one overturning. It happened near 33rd Street and the railroad tracks. The hazardous materials team from the Gulfport Fire Department spent several hours making sure the derailment was not a threat to public safety.** Kansas City Southern railroad has a team working to clean up the derailment site. The accident happened just before eight Monday morning when three cars derailed in the company's Gulfport rail yard. **Two tankers carrying sodium hydroxide left the tracks and one of those tanks overturned. The third was a covered hopper car. But it was the sodium hydroxide tankers that raised the biggest safety concerns. "The second car has sodium hydroxide on it. It's totally overturned, in the mud on its side," said the firefighter in command.** Sodium hydroxide is a common chemical used in manufacturing. These tankers were headed for the Dupont plant in Delisle.

Source: <http://www.wlox.com/Global/story.asp?S=1424820>

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## **Information and Telecommunications Sector**

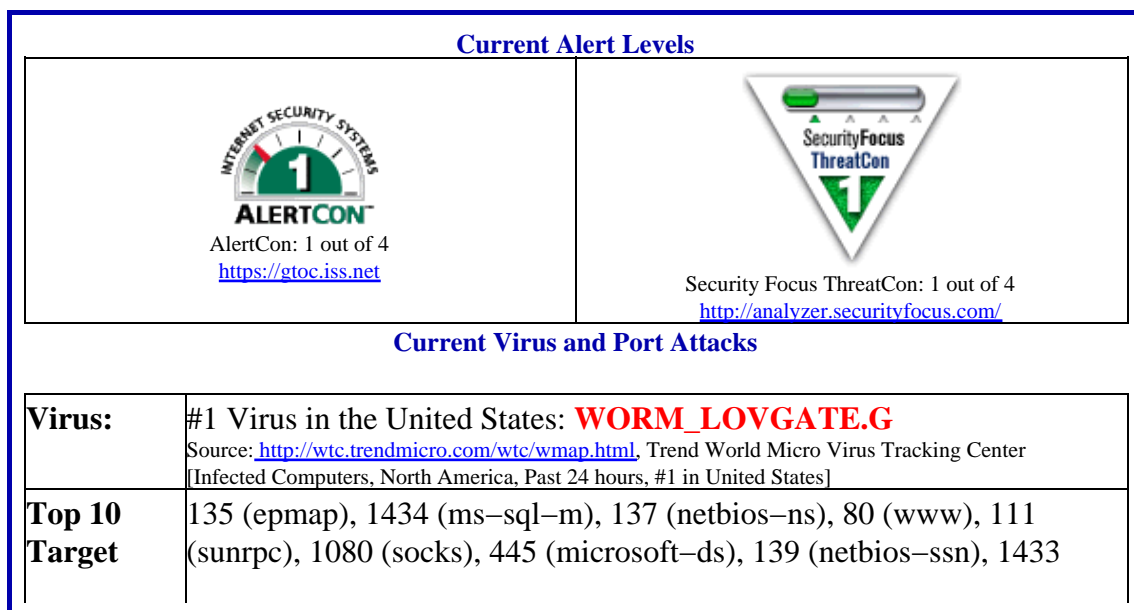
23. *September 02, CNN* — **Spammers turn to chain letters to collect addresses.** While not as efficient as "spiders" which automatically crawl the Web in search of addresses, **computer experts warn that some spammers are using chain letters to collect e-mail usernames.** "Chain letters are the ideal place to collect addresses. I've seen several hundred on one e-mail," said Bill Orvis, who maintains the U.S. Department of Energy's hoax advisory Web site. "Just by forwarding a message to a dozen friends, it only takes a few generations before you fill the network with messages," he said. Michael Herrick, whose Spamfire software helps individual users filter junk e-mail, doesn't think spammers are using chain letters in this way. Herrick, however, admits that **the practice could be a good way to bypass e-mail filters which block messages from senders who are not known to the recipient.** Spammers could use chain letters to discover the addresses of people with whom you frequently communicate. Spam purporting to be from someone in your address book would sneak by filters.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/TECH/internet/09/01/spam.chainletter/index.html>

24. *September 01, New York Times* — **Digital vandalism spurs a call for oversight.** The Internet is not subject to government oversight, and many see the Internet's openness as crucial to its success as a platform for innovation. But the increasing severity of computer virus attacks may have muted the antiregulatory reflex. **Some security experts now advocate direct regulation, in the form of legislation that makes software companies liable for damage caused by security flaws in their products.** Advocates of increased regulation say a California law that requires companies conducting business in the state to disclose computer security breaches if they result in unauthorized access to residents' personal information could serve as a model. A survey released Sunday, August 31, by the Pew Internet and American Life Project said that **nearly 60 percent of Internet users say they favor the government's requiring American corporations to disclose more information about their vulnerabilities. Half of those surveyed said they worried about terrorists damaging the Internet.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/09/01/technology/01NET.html>

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## General Sector

25. *September 02, Reuters* — **Car bomb explodes near Baghdad police headquarters. A bomb in a pickup truck at Baghdad's police headquarters killed an Iraqi police officer and wounded 26 others Tuesday, September 2, in a suspected attempt to assassinate the police chief, a key ally of the U.S.-led occupying authorities.** The blast went off as more than 100,000 mourners packed into the holy city of Najaf for the funeral of a top Shi'ite cleric slain in the most deadly of the attacks plaguing postwar Iraq. The New York Times reports that **like the bombings at the Jordanian Embassy, the United Nations headquarters, and the Holy Shrine of Ali in Najaf, this one seemed to involve careful planning and the choice of a high-profile target.** Much of the violence has targeted U.S. forces, who lost two soldiers in a landmine explosion Monday to take the number killed in action since the official end of major combat to 67. But Iraqis cooperating with the occupiers are also at risk. City police chief Hassan Ali is a high-profile figure in U.S.-led efforts to bring security to Iraq and members of the new Iraqi police force are often branded collaborators by opponents of the occupation. Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A13241-2003Sep 2.html>

26. *September 02, CNN* — **FBI releases photos in Pennsylvania bomb case. The FBI on Tuesday released photos of a steel collar used to secure a bomb to the neck of a pizza deliveryman killed last week after robbing a bank in Erie, Pennsylvania.** Investigators also said they had found no direct connection between the death of the deliveryman — Brian Douglas Wells — and later death of a friend and co-worker. FBI Special Agent Bob Rudge said the bomb's locking device was unique, sophisticated and has "significant lead value" to investigators. "We feel this device was made uniquely for the incident at hand," he said. "We are hopeful that by showing a picture of the device, someone may recognize the instrument, the metal, the locking material used to secure it to the neck and, certainly, call us with that information so that we can further examine the details of its construction." **A task force of federal, state and local investigators is looking into whether Wells was a hostage or willing participant, said Cpl. Mark Zaleski, a Pennsylvania State Police spokesman.** Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/US/Northeast/09/02/pizza.bomb/index.html>

27. *September 02, Associated Press* — **Miami Beach man accused of threatening flight, federal building. A Miami Beach man was accused Tuesday of threatening to bomb a Baltimore-Miami flight and a Baltimore federal building. Joseph Carlton Hailey was charged with making a false e-mail threat to destroy the building.** He allegedly wrote Friday that he had overheard someone talking about a bomb plot and gave the name of someone to watch for. Hours later, an anonymous caller told the Transportation Security Administration in Miami that the same person named in the e-mail would carry a bomb onto the flight that day. An FBI anti-terrorism task force, TSA investigators and Miami-Dade police tracked the e-mail and phone call to Hailey and determined both threats were hoaxes, prosecutors said. Source: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/local/miami/sfl-92emailthre at.0.2291778.story?coll=sfla-news-miami>

## **DHS/IAIP Products & Contact Information**

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